



**COMMENTS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY DRAFT REPORT
FROM MICHIGAN LCV MEMBERS**

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400 COMMENTS

SUMMARY: ALMOST EVERY COMMENT INCLUDED IS FAVORABLE OF RAISING MICHIGAN'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD FROM ITS CURRENT LEVELS. MICHIGAN LCV MEMBERS WHO COMMENTED OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT ENERGY SAVINGS, AND WANT MORE OF IT. THE POSITIVE RESPONSE FOR A STRONGER GOAL POST-2015 IS RESOUNDING.

Governor Snyder - please raise Michigan's renewable energy standard. It's the cleanest, greenest energy source we have, and there is so much potential to save more money. Michigan is ready to ramp up energy efficiency standards.

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This is just the beginning. We can do more and see a better future, literally. Cleaner energies, more efficient energies, fewer by products to cloud the future.

Rick, this really needs to get bumped up.

I've been gradually making my home more energy efficient and it has paid off. Making it a standard and Michigan will benefit in terms of jobs, reduced fuel use and of course, less carbon emitted.

The benefits of more efficient energy are enormous - in terms of health, tourism and - especially - economic.

A cleaner and more efficient energy policy is a REAL investment for Michigan's future. I urge you to move forward with that goal in mind.

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Gov Snyder,

Let's lead the nation in our approach to energy, clean water, and clean air. A recent (October) report concluded there are no technical problems to increasing the standard to as much as 30 percent of electricity production in the state by 2035. This is a vast improvement over the 10 percent standard that is on schedule to be met by 2015. We can do better - give us the incentive, we will all work together, I am certain.

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We've made some progress. It's important to me that we continue this trend.

We need stronger energy efficiency standards. Simply put, energy efficiency is a cost-effective measure that reins in high prices and which provides a big return on investment.

Stronger efficiency standards? God knows what it means! DTE is efficient, fired all Meter readers, forced Smart Meters (Spy Meters) on people and you people in Government are in bed with DTE this is Fascism! All I want is our Analog Meter back.
And I need Governor Snyder's answer...

Energy Efficiency is so necessary. Let's ramp it up in Michigan.

The cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use. Energy efficiency saves money and does not strain our natural resources.

Michigan's current clean energy standards expire in 2015.
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Fracking is NOT the answer.

Michigan is prime, right now, for higher energy efficiency standards. It will save citizens and government money and, most important, will ease our abuse of the earth. For every 1 dollar invested we save \$3.83? What are we waiting for???

It only makes sense to invest in energy efficiency for Michigan's future.

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Governor Snyder,

You released a report that shows Michigan's energy efficiency standard is saving homeowners and businesses millions, and that utility companies are on track to surpass our state's efficiency goals. With this in mind, please commit to and bring about a stronger energy efficiency standard. It is for the good of the state and it's residents.

Planet Earth: Lifetime Guarantee Not Included!

Only after the last tree is felled, the last parking lot paved over, and the last river dammed will we realize we can't eat money.

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Better standards for energy efficiency isn't rocket science; it's common sense saving money.

Clean energy or clean house!

We need a stronger standard.

Getting local governments involved by putting together green teams using both residents and local officials to set goals for their communities to reduce electricity for everyone.

Maybe base some reduced taxes based on the amount of energy reduced.

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Michigan is ready for a stronger energy efficiency standard. Utility companies are ready to surpass our previously set goal to reduce electricity sales by 1% and natural gas by .75%. Clean, green energy is not only better for the environment and our health, but saves residents money on energy costs.

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it is past time for michigan start leading the way to a strong alternative energy policy. to start we should set a target of at least 35% and work from there.

Energy efficiency is a no brainer even for a nerd.
I can't find any downside to saving energy.

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Dear Governor Snyder,

Please strongly support measures for clean energy and energy efficiency in Michigan. We must have even stronger clean energy standards to replace those expiring in 2015. This must be a continuous and ever escalating effort. Your dedicated support is essential.

Thank you,

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Energy efficiency is a cost-effective measure that reins in high prices and decreases coal pollution and toxic coal ash. It also eliminates the need for Nuclear Energy, which is not cost effective nor is it safe.

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Governor Snyder, The cost of electricity in Michigan is one of the highest in the country. We need a stronger standard and move forward on clean and green energy sources saving customers and the state money.

We need to be working toward 25 in 25. Michigan has no shortage of wind, and sufficient solar exposure to extend the use of clean energy. Energy efficiency is a cost-effective measure that reins in high prices. Please be ENTHUSIASTIC about pursuing clean energy.

This is excellent!! More efficient energy!

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Please strengthen our energy standards. Technology exists today that will help make Michigan a leader in renewable energy. This is the type of leadership that will draw young, bright energetic people to our state.

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I would require that home owners release their energy usage before and after repairs. We do want to be sure that the numbers can be independently verified. These reports should be published often for the public.

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We had better start taking care of our planet or in the near future it will all be gone, because of humans, we are killing it a little bit each day.

We need the least expensive electric rates and lowest pollution electric generation sources to induce industries and jobs back to Michigan. Wind & Solar Power Farms can do this along with all Natural Gas fired Electric Generators. We need to change now!

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I am in favor of more efficient energy. The cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use. Energy efficiency saves money and does not strain our natural resources.

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Our electric energy costs are among America's highest. We need to reduce this cost and put more money into productive industries that help Michigan move forward. For every dollar invested in energy optimization programs, customers save approximately \$3.83 from avoided energy costs. That's money that can go to the local economy. Please consider a higher, more economical standard for clean energy in Michigan. We can all use it.

Invest in the future. . . . showing that Michigan has not lost its business leadership, while protecting our beautiful state. Thank you.

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I support a stronger energy efficiency standard. We are on track to exceed our current energy optimization goal. For every dollar invested in energy optimization programs, customers see approximately \$3.83 in savings from avoided energy costs. A stronger standard is a cost-effective means of producing additional savings while preserving our natural resources.

The best thing we can do for ourselves, our state, our country, and the world is improve energy efficiency.

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Energy efficiency saves Michigan consumers a lot of money. Gov. Snyder, please push for a stronger energy efficiency standard for our utilities and save us, the consumers, more money!

We need cleaner air to preserve the natural resources that Michigan is blessed with.
We can work together on this.

Energy efficiency is especially important here in Michigan, where fracking could destroy much of our clean water and resources, and hamper agriculture and tourism. We need clean, green energy programs now.

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Michigan's energy cost is too high. Everyone I know out of state has lower electricity cost than I do, and they always ask what the deal is. So I'm here to ask you in their stead: What IS the deal, exactly?

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Good news on surpassing the energy efficiency standards!! But we can do better. Please increase the standard. It's a win-win. The customer's win by spending less, the environment (and the people who live in it) wins by having less "junk" poured into it. Energy efficiency is the best way to address both issues. Thank you.

You NEED to GET ON BOARD WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE , YOU WILL NOT LAST WITHOUT IT SIGNED !

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We need more energy efficiency in MI!
Please support stronger energy standards for our state

We need more energy efficiency. Please act now!.

Governor Snyder,
You can leave the greatest legacy for yourself and the future inhabitants here by moving us to an economy supplied with fuel from the sun, wind and alternative sources. Our energy needs to be from these sources if we will survive here. Furthermore we are quickly running out of time and the energy companies who have made billions on exploiting our planet can easily pay for this now. Also, get with the message to farmers to move to growing grains and plants for people to eat and out of the factory farming operations or face the growing reality of our rejection of eating animals. Thank you.

This report shows that we now have the necessary data to act on a deal to approve a higher energy efficiency standard for the sake of our state's economy and for improved public health from reduced pollution. Governor Snyder, the change for a better future is in your hands.

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I would like to see Michigan as a leader in clean energy, in development, manufacturing & deployment.

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We are finally ready for a stronger energy efficiency standard. There is a

large return on our investment whenever we reach these goals towards greater efficiency.

Dear Governor Snyder,

The "new normal" caused by global warming requires new government policies that support sustainable communities not corporate profits. I hope that you have read Bill McKibben's book, "Eaarth, making a life on a tough new planet." (Time Books, 2010) But if you haven't, I urge you to read it immediately.

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As our Governor, you are hired to work for the most effective policies to help the most people. This is what governing means. When we ask you to spend money on energy conservation and green technology IN ORDER TO SAVE OUR STATE MONEY, there is no possible argument you can make against this, except "I feel like helping a very few rich people who don't need it."

THAT WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE GOVERNING.

THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL FRAUD.

Michigan industry is moving forward with renewable energy. Now is the time for the strategy govt to lead not follow

Michigan can do better, and could be a leader in energy efficiency!

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We need to invest in a future that will not continue the problems of the past and present.

It was heartening to see so many wind turbines on a recent visit to the Thumb area and while driving toward Lansing from Cadillac Using these turbines will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and reduce pollution caused by these fuels as well. I urge you and the Legislature to move forward quickly on implementing these and other alternative energy sources.

I would like to see more wind and solar energy investment.

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We must address global climate change by instituting much stronger energy efficiency standards in our state. The time to act is NOW!

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Renewable energy is such a win-win for our state. Let's go all out on this!

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We know that this is the best thing to do. It is the health thing to do and the least costly. We need to reduce the cost of electricity.

What are we waiting for?

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GOVERNOR SNYDER...

I HAVE NOT SEEN A DIFFERENCE IN MY ENERGY COST...

I WATCHED A PROPOSAL GET DESTROYED THAT VOUCHED FOR WIND ENERGY BECAUSE OF FALSE ADVERTISEMENT...

UNLESS ONE THINKS DERIVING NATURAL GAS WITH THE RISK OF DESTROYING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR WATER SYSTEM, I BELIEVE YOU NEED TO COME UP WITH A MORE VIABLE PLAN, MR GOVERNOR.

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Support more renewable energy for Michigan, such as wind and solar.

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Thank you, Governor, for investigating ways to improve Michigan's energy strategy both environmentally and economically. It shows your commitment to doing what's right, irrespective of special interests. Please continue to promote increasing use of clean, renewable energy. It is a transition we will have to make, and I don't want to make it under emergent circumstances or under federal duress.

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Michigan achieves nothing useful by sending increasing numbers of petroleum dollars to Mideast countries that pledge to destroy the American way of life. If we are serious about conserving energy, we can hand a defeat to those who would defeat America, and save enough money to create new Michigan jobs in the process

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Energy efficiency is a step to a more sustainable future. It is creating a large return on the investment of savings, and Michigan's electricity cost is one of the highest in the country. Please help push for more efficient energy, with the goal of sustainability.

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More alternative energy, less fossil fuels.

With Michigan having one of the highest costs of electricity in the country, I urge you to strengthen Michigan energy efficiency standard and use more clean, green power sources (and I don't mean kickbacks for politicians).

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For ecological as well as national security reasons, please support a stronger energy efficiency standard.

The governor can and should promote more clean energy proposals.

The cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use. Energy efficiency saves money and does not strain our natural resources or pollute our waters and air. Wind and solar power needs to be expanded.

It's clear that energy optimization programs provide a great return in reduced energy costs. We strongly hope that Governor Snyder will lead us to a much higher renewable energy standard after 2015.

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Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

I support stronger efficiency standards when the current ones expire. The cleanest, and most green source of power is the energy we save by things like switching to non-incandescent light bulbs, turning the heat down and the A/C up. We can save even more by requiring the utility companies to be more efficient so that every kilowatt we use has been produced more efficiently.

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We're way, behind lets get clean affordable energy and jobs for Michigan like other states and countries, we need to move forward become the innovators we once were. Lets show the rest what we can do.

150 years ago lumberman came to Michigan to harvest from the "inexhaustible" supply of White Pine. Before the end of the 19th century they were, in fact, exhausted.
With each type of fossil fuel we must know that they too are exhaustible,

and to continue to rely on fossil fuels for our primary energy needs is little more than kicking the energy can down the road for the next generation to deal with.

We need to turn the corner on energy and embrace alternative energies. But we can gain an immediate savings for our wallets and our environment by making the energy we use go further. Please support investment in energy efficiency.

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Michigan is ready for a stronger energy efficiency standard. Reasons to do so include:

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We need to continue, in this state, to increase our use of solar and wind energy. This state is surrounded by the Great Lakes, which is 20 percent of the fresh water on this planet. We have a personal responsibility to take good care of this water and STOP polluting.

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We need to become more energy efficient and concentrate on renewable sources of energy like solar, wind, bio-generated methane, etc.

Governor Snyder, For the sake of those who come after us, we need to focus on developing clean and renewable energy as soon as possible.
Michael Anderson

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Be aware of what is possible for our state. Michigan utility companies are on track to surpass our state's current energy optimization goal (save 1% of last year's electricity sales, and .75% of natural gas sales). We are ready for a stronger standard. The cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use. Energy efficiency saves money!

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As a Michigan practicing architect, i believe state building codes need to continue to upgrade standards and requirements for energy efficiency both residentially and commercially.

it is the most effective way to conserve energy which in turn will require less energy production from our utility companies. Incremental changes each time the code commission sits to rewrite the codes should be made so as not to penalize builders and potential home and business owners unduly; but at the same time should be adopted for the common good..

Energy efficiency is an excellent way to cut back on greenhouse gasses. It saves money and puts less of a strain on our natural resources. Because

Mich. utility companies are going to surpass the current energy optimization goals, we should take the next step and set higher standards of efficiency. In short, efficiency saves money, saves resources, and cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions. Adopting stronger standards is a no-brainer.

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From what I hear from Jack Schmitt, I definitely support a higher Energy Efficiency Standard, since it will give us a higher return of savings.

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Although way behind other states in the use of renewable energy sources, we are catching up -at least in clean windpower which is a growing substitute for coal power. Even better than creating new energy sources is decreasing the need for energy -energy conservation via more efficient energy use - e.g., hybrid and geothermal home heating, more convenient public transportation, etc.

Your recently released report shows that Michigan's energy efficiency standard is saving homeowners and businesses millions, and that utility companies are on track to surpass our state's efficiency goals. Now is the

time for an even stronger energy efficiency standard.

We know the cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use. Energy efficiency saves money and does not strain our natural resources.

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We need an even cleaner, energy efficient state, standards that will make Michigan one of the top "green" states in America. Our residents deserve such.

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away with coal, oil, and gas, and replace them with solar and sustainable energy ASAP!

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Energy efficiency is the smartest energy investment. I urge you to support a stronger energy optimization standard.

Sincerely,
Fred Cepela

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In Michigan, everything is possible. Setting a higher energy-saving standard is also possible. With the growth of wind farms in our state we can achieve a much greater clean-energy goal. Our auto manufacturers can also produce cleaner, more efficient engines.

This is an absolute must!

Let's have Michigan lead the way in energy efficiency!

Michigan is definitely ready for stronger energy standards. Anything invested will be more than returned in the future. Michigan should be a leader in renewable energy not a follower. If we increase our energy standards we may be able to shut down some coal fired plants thereby making Michigan more beautiful and saving some lives in the process.

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Please advocate for energy conservation and stricter standards for clean energy. Michigan residents will see savings from these efforts. Many energy conservation measures are easy adjustments that residents can be educated about: motion and daylight sensors on yard lights, the ability of modern car engines to be driven cold, the benefits of passive solar design in new and remodeled construction, to name a few. If everyone takes simple measures, it all adds up to savings that will ensure our grandchildren have a habitable state to live in.

If we can make this transition, there is great future ahead of us not only for Detroit, but for all of Michigan as well

The high cost of energy in MI makes it of great importance to save energy as much as possible, and, needless to say, using the least energy possible for any task just makes common sense. Michigan is certainly very ready for a stronger energy efficiency standard

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We are ready for your leadership in bringing Michigan into the future of sustainability and economic health. We need a more efficient energy standard.

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Consumers of electricity need a stronger standard to lower costs and

improve air quality.

Michigan is ready for a higher clean energy standard.

Your report shows that utility companies will soon surpass the statutory goals before the 2015 deadline. Consumers are already saving \$\$, at the rate of \$3.83 for every \$1 invested. The "low-hanging fruit" is energy conservation: investment in clean energy, especially wind, upgrading energy transmission lines, and insulating homes and businesses are easy to do and can be done soon.

Please put these methods into practice ASAP.

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Michigan is ready to move forward with a stronger energy efficiency standard.

Saving energy is a great way to save money. For my budget and my young daughters' future, please support the strongest possible energy efficiency standard!

Renewable energy is the only option that works for our future. Fossil fuels are destroying our climate and habitat. What good is it to have access to fossil fuels to run our lives if our climate gets destroyed in the deal? It is time to put a tax on the use of carbon to help start paying the real cost of it's use. The time is now to do the right thing.

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Please accelerate efforts to improve energy efficiency in Michigan. We need it for our health, environment, and economy.

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of renewable energy. Please support not just the production of renewable energy in Michigan, but also the utilization of that energy in Michigan. It is also important to help Michigan become a leader in the manufacturing of the facilities to produce and support renewable energy and dependent technologies such as batteries. Leadership in this type of manufacturing should be prioritized over support for other industries which are becoming more of a commodity such as the automobile.

Fracking in Mich. will ruin all the great lakes. Then where will we find any drinkable water???

The rape and pillage of our environment needs to stop. You can be the hero and make that happen. The Huron River is being dessimated and that is just a small fraction of the devastation taking place state-wide. There will come a point when recovery is not an option if the reigns are not tightened NOW.

More solar power please

"Energy Efficiency" is a "win/win" tactic. It reduces costs, pollution and can reduce health problems.

The best way to have efficient energy is to do away with oil drilling, fracking, nuclear energy, and coal and build up sustainable energy like wind and solar power. If the last two forms of energy had the same government subsidization as Big Oil and Big Gas, we would save millions in energy cost and damage to the environment.

The huge rush to frack throughout the country will result in higher greenhouse gas emissions, astronomical use/pollution of our waters, and is sure to result in devastating accidents.

It is reassuring to note that Michigan has made some necessary progress in providing clean, green, and efficient sources of energy. But we need to adopt a still stronger policy. The following points support this.

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Energy efficiency pays back in many ways, so efforts to increase efficiency should be a top priority. Lower costs, fast payback in investment, increase in productivity and better use of resources, cleaner environment, are just some of the ancillary benefits.

PLEASE push for stronger and stronger efficiency and conservation plans for Michigan, and continue to make Michigan a better and better state in which to live, work, and manufacture!

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Please extend and expand Michigan's clean energy standards! We can and must do more for the sake of Michigan's environment and economy!

Clean energy is a win-win solution to economic and environmental problems.

We need to look to the future and commit to green energy. We will save money while we protect our state. Renewable energy is the only safe energy!

25% by 2025 appears to be an attainable goal. Encourage Michigan's energy producers to reach for higher clean energy percentages.

I'm for lower, and more efficient energy costs! I encourage you to also support that!

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I am pleased that Michigan has been making progress towards energy efficiency. I urge you to develop stronger standards for the future. The quality of the lives of our grandchildren is urgently dependent on our doing everything possible to conserve energy without despoiling the environment. We are all in the same boat, rich and poor, educated and not, we will all suffer if our best wisdom is not heeded.

Please commit Michigan to a new, more aggressive renewable energy standard, and help make us the most energy efficient state in the union.

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Energy efficiency is a good thing for everybody. There is no reason to have an expiration date on establishing greater efficiency. If we've met goals, then we can set new ones...Keep raising standards.

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Energy Conservation is the FIRST way to save money on costs. Then renewables.

Let's do it!

Energy efficiency benefits everyone. Please keep moveable deadlines for new goals.

Why would good governing ever come with an expiration on lower energy costs...?!

Dear Governor,
You have given me too many reasons to find you as a lover of our

Michigan based environment. Please do not give up now.

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Now, more than ever before we need to get plans in place to aid people suffering in this economy. Now what would happen if the general population were unable to afford a necessity such as electricity, because of higher costs for one?

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We need to pursue solar power and wind power and do away with Big Coal, Big Oil, Big Gas and Nuclear Energy none of which are safe for the environment and all of which contribute to global warming.

I have seen little encouragement to use LED lighting, yet these bulbs appear to be safer and more cost effective. Most of our local stores do not even stock them This is one place where all of us could contribute to more efficient use of our energy.

Use of solar and wind power are safer alternatives to the high level of danger contributed by fracking.

Help to lower our energy costs which are one of the highest in the states.

Thanks

Methane gas rising from the nearby land-fill. Sun shining many days of the year. And WIND, we know wind and its power. It is time for you and legislators to encourage and support all kinds of clean energy sources!

You gave businesses a big tax break and electrical utilities rate increases. How about doing something for the working class?

Governor Snyder, Now is the time to lower our energy costs. Michigan should not be the state with the highest energy costs.

Those of us in the lower income brackets need all the help we can get. Lower energy prices would be of enormous help!!!

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Please continue to work to lower our energy costs. If we reach our set goals early - start on our next level.

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i would like to see the actual budget sheets to prove that the 2.8 billion came from energy efficiency instead of the public school system deficiency.

I ask you to pledge yourself to lowering the costs of energy to consumers, manufacturers and home-owners, by increasing cost-efficient processes in production and delivery. This will require attention to these points:

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Please do not let energy efficiency standards expire in 2015. It is important to me that we continue encouraging Michigan businesses & individuals to think "outside of the box" on energy usage. Thank You, Julie Shear

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Please lower energy costs. Higher prices make it difficult for people like me, on a fixed monthly income, to survive. I worry each time I open my bill if I will be able to afford it and how much it went up. It is especially difficult in the winter and summer months when the use of the furnace and AC unit requires more energy usage. I do not have the money to get a new AC unit or energy efficient furnace. I wish I did!

Michigan needs a clean efficient energy system that will not harm our thousands of acres of forests, beaches, and sand dunes.

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We need a lower cost for energy to attract jobs and people to Michigan and to help the budgets of working class and middle class families and individuals! A publicly regulated monopoly should be allowed their cost to produce energy and a 10% profit just like Aerospace and Defense contractors!

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Let's act for the future, and not let the big oil corporations lock us into the

dysfunctional past!

We need more wind mills. Keep them coming.

Continue to increase our Green Energy and be energy efficient to save Michigan customers money in electricity costs while being environmentally safe.

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Energy efficiency is important for the environment and our economy. Let's be leaders in energy savings.

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Let's keep it going way beyond 2015!

Continued energy optimization is essential to the continued wellbeing of our state.

Please support energy optimization initiatives.

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We are ready for clean energy. It is better in every way for everyone.

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We added insulation to our house, got energy efficient windows and doors and acquired a new energy efficient furnace and air conditioning unit recently. I wouldn't have done this without the government incentives that came with these items. Now, we are reaping the rewards in lower gas and electric bills. Anything that the State can do to encourage these programs will be a win-win for everyone!

We need to be investing in wind farms and solar power whenever and wherever feasible. No more coal-fired plants. And put reasonable restrictions on those fracking industries. Haliburton is rich enough, as are the Koch brothers and Dick DeVos. Give us reasonable lower costs for energy. Don't let the power companies bill us for their nuclear waste problems. They should have dealt with that years ago. Those of us on fixed incomes are tired of seeing kw/hour prices rise. If Consumers and DTE can't lower their rates we will find someone who can.

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I strongly support using cleaner, greener means of energy as long as it DOES NOT include fracking. From everything I've read, this is neither safe nor efficient. I further declare that if these companies are correct in stating it is safe, they should not be afraid to state what chemicals they are infusing into the ground and the amount of water it requires. Water is an important resource and should be protected as well.

HomanBoost the clean energy standards. Give everyone in the state something to shoot for that improve our energy efficiency, save us all money, and help improve our environment and climate!

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Lower our energy bills!

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I'm all for green energy but I don't believe that government should be involved in picking winners and losers when it comes to deciding issues like this.

Just get government out of the way and the market will figure out the smartest answer, though we do need to make sure that fossil fuels are paying the full freight cost of the damage they do to the environment.

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I insulated my basement in my East Lansing home this summer, and support the continuation of energy optimization programs.

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Governor Snyder's own report shows that Michigan's energy efficiency standard is saving homeowners and businesses millions, and that utility companies are on track to surpass our state's efficiency goals. I am writing to urge the Governor to ensure ongoing policies that lower our energy costs and move us to cleaner energy sources as the standards expire in 2015.

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Please continue to support clean energy efficiency beyond 2015. We all need our energy bills to continue to drop. With wind and solar farms continuing to grow here, there should be a reduction in costs to the consumers.

Governor:

We need to continue energy efficiency policies and make them stronger. We need to lower the cost of electricity in Michigan.

Thank you

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Energy efficiency should be a cornerstone of the new clean energy standards plan.

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Dear Governor Snyder,
I am in favor of more efficient energy.

Cost of electricity in Mich. is one of the highest in the US. Energy efficiency is a good way to rein in these higher prices. Also, the cleanest source of power is the energy we don't use. Michigan is on track to surpass our optimization goal. We're ready for a STRONGER standard!!

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Please act to lower energy costs. Energy efficiency is the way to go.

Renewable energy is the most cost effective and healthy. We dont want to breath mercury from fossil fuels. We dont want the West Virginia mountains leveled for generating electricity. Wind, Solar and biomass energy sources are what is the cheapest short term and long term. Why would someone ship coal from west virginia to burn in Michigan?

Seniors need the energy savings, please.

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As an architect I know that the best way to save energy in a home is simple and relatively inexpensive. Insulate and Insulate some more. Likewise sealing a house properly and testing for same is also necessary, simple and relatively inexpensive. Incentives should be given to encourage this for new and existing homes (and buildings in general), and bldg. codes should continue to up the requirements to the point of optimal levels to require on new construction, these higher standards. Thanks for being a good governor and standing for all of us in Michigan. I applaud your common sense, lets get it done approach sir.

It's good for people. It's good for business. It's good for the environment. And it makes Michigan more competitive for the future. There is no excuse for not doing this. And more.

We can't afford to not go efficient/renewable.

If we had a free market, if we didn't have massive energy price rigging on a global scale, then we would not need to resort to such petitions in order for you to represent us in action. Without affordable energy, you'll never pull mass amounts of people into a higher consumer sphere, stagnating our economy, especially locally.

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Consider offering a tax rebate for buying led bulbs. They are initially

expensive but more than pay for themselves in energy savings for a long time. They are not as dangerous to recycle as cfl bulbs. It could be a program with cost limits available but enough to insure affordability to consumers. If everyone changed half their lighting to led, figure the savings in terms of no longer needed energy producers. Older power plants would have less strain. Fewer new ones would be needed. Also, any public buildings could be required to change all lighting to led in 5 years time. All businesses could be required to change half in 5 years and all in 7 years. All public buildings could be required to up grade 10% of their inefficient windows, heating/ac systems, or insulation, every year for 10 years. The same could be required of all businesses. It would have a huge impact statewide. They would save \$ for decades. If the state offered rebates or tax writeoffs as further incentives, it might just make the deal sweet enough to control the gripeing about having to do it. In any event, we must do big things now. We do not have the luxury of time.

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As a retired person I am deeply concerned about the continual rise in costs for electricity as well as the environmental and health effects from the current fossil fuel generating methods. Improved efficiency in current generating costs are beneficial but moving to wind generation should be even more strongly emphasized.

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And...the cost of electricity in Michigan is one of the highest in the country. Energy efficiency is a cost-effective measure that reins in high prices. My suggestion... give half back to poor & middle class customers in the form of lower energy bills, & the other half be put back into more clean energy projects.

Thank you for your time.

Peace'

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its getting harder every month to pay my energy bill on fixed income.

We need more wind and sun energy alternatives. No more oil dependency!

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One of the best statements I've seen with regard to energy is this: "The cleanest, greenest source of power is the energy we do not use."

Michigan's current clean energy standards will expire in 2015. But with the cost of electricity in this state one of the highest in the country it would be prudent to strengthen these standards while extending them beyond 2015.

On a side note: I also believe that the more energy efficient we become, the less opportunity there will be for speculators to use "lack of energy sources" as a reason to rape and pillage "Pure" Michigan.

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This state can, and must, commit to more wind energy. We have the most incredible opportunity along three sides of the state with the lakes supplying the wind to move the wind mills. Let's do it! Get started now.

Energy efficiency is good for Michigan, good for the United States, and

good for the planet.

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We personally have upped our blown in insulation to R50 and added reflective aluminum to control radiant energy year around. Also this past year, we have installed an electrical heat pump hot water tank, a 96% efficient gas furnace, a 16 SEER air condition unit and these two units are controlled by a Wi-Fi controlled digital thermostat. Obviously none of this is free and definitely has a financial impact on a retired couple who are living primarily on a rural school teacher's pension. This is an investment in our future which will pay us back on a monthly basis. Anything you can do as Governor to improve the energy efficiency of this state and at the same time the environmental health of this state will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Great Lakes Energy for seasonal home owners in Northern MI now requires us to pay monthly fee of \$32 to maintain their services even when you are not using electricity. Seasonal home owner's rates went up while year-round home owner's rates were lowered.

Governor...lower our energy costs with conservation and renewables - set the bar high for efficient energy! Michigan should be a leader in both

categories. Fracking is NOT the answer in any way shape or form. We don't need to destroy Pure Michigan so we can export cheap gas to China. Renewables and Conservation is our answer. We need aggressive energy efficiency standards!

Michigan NEEDS the GREENEST Energy sources to grow and expand.

i will vote you and all your republican cronies out of office as soon as possible

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Wind and solar power are the future for Michigan. Let's rid ourselves of mercury-laden fish, radioactive lake water, and childhood asthma.

Dear Governor Snyder:

If there are any cost benefits to the consumer based on greater efficiency, then consumers' energy costs should rightfully be lowered.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. I am sure that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Payne

We need to be putting all of our efforts into ALternative Energies. Michigan should strive to be a leader in wind and solar power instead of putting our resources into fracking operations that will destroy our environment and threaten our fresh water.

Stand up for "Pure Michigan" by investing in alternative Energy - not fossil fuels.

alot of people are on fixed incomes like myself and have a hard time paying there bills when everything keeps going up. I dont understand why. Gas prices go up and down they go up more than going down.

Our Utilities will do nothing greener than mandated. It is documented that they can convert to 30% clean energy by 2030. Let's make that minimum requirement!

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DTE makes more than their fair share of profits. I also understand they don't pay their share of taxes.

They are reluctant to advance beyond 19th century technologies partly due to the profit they make on transporting coal from Eastern and Western States.

The cost of wind and solar renewable energy technologies is dropping drastically while DTE insists on polluting our State with coal ash and carbon dioxide as the tip of the iceberg.

Your administration can go down in history as the first to stop this rape and pillage of our Michigan environment.

Thank You.

Stop the utility gauging and place MI on top of green technology and sustainable action - NO Fracking period!!!

Change the building codes for better energy efficiency. and raise the minimum MPG .

Science and Government work Best Without all the Corporate Corruption your Administration has brought to the Process.

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Lower energy costs now for all of Michigan.

If you are the fiscally responsible candidate you portray yourself to be, you would know that consumers save \$3.83 for every US dollar invested in energy optimization programs. WALK the WALK.

We demand lower energy costs!

I am absolutely in favor of lowering energy costs by using renewable fuels.

Planet Earth: Lifetime Guarantee Not Included!

We need to continue our pursuit of energy efficiency through support of renewable energy resources in Michigan

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FORGET FRACKING! Stop using Michigan's water for this because 80% of water they use will then be permanently ruined, polluted, poisoned. Fracking also releases large amounts of methane into the atmosphere which puts "global warming on steroids". Fracking also kills the land, the animals, the lakes, rivers, streams, plants, trees. Stop following Dick DeVos' wishes, John Engler's wishes, Koch brothers wishes, ALEC's wishes, Corporate wishes and START WORKING FOR working class MICHIGANIANS and "Pure Michigan". Stop allowing Koch brothers to cut down huge swaths of trees in Michigan. They don't replant. They are robbing Michigan of all of its resources and will leave nothing for working class Michiganians. You are NOT working for US. STOP Nestle Co. from pumping Michigan's water. It DOES affect Great Lake levels, for you don't know HOW/WHERE they're connected to the wells that Nestle pumps/steals. His corporation does not pay one cent to Michigan for this windfall. Start requiring Wind Power, Solar Power, and GeoThermal. Install Solar panels on every building in Michigan NOW and Wind Turbines at the edges of all the Great Lakes NOW, and green (plant) roofs on all blacktopped roofs NOW. Thank you.

Please step up and give us a stronger clean energy standard to work with so we can put fossil fuels and nuclear to rest.

Please initiate a program to help our citizens insulate their homes!

Please continue your efforts towards energy efficiency. Data shows that our policies are working and even more can be done to save our resources and protect our environment. We are ready for a stronger standard and

also would benefit from reduced costs. Make our state a leader!

Please do your best to improve our state's energy efficiency.

Please phase out fossil fuels in favor of appropriately placed solar and wind energy. We also could benefit from greater incentives for individuals to retrofit their homes with wind and solar generation.

I support making continued investments in energy efficiency a priority of Michigan's energy policy. Not only are they generally the cheapest way to reduce energy costs, but they have numerous side benefits like cleaner air, less coal importation, and make it easier for our energy needs to be met by our locally produced, clean, renewable energy sources.

There is no reason not to continue to make and expand these investments so that Michigan can prosper economically and have an unmatched quality of life. Energy efficiency is Pure Michigan!

We could create jobs, save consumers money, reduce energy waste, and improve our housing stock with one brilliant program. Let's train home energy auditors and follow them with teams of honest contractors to make the home improvements.

We can do this!!

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More than anything I want Michigan to be smart about energy. Not political, not pandering to various interests, but smart in terms of thinking long-term and strategically. I'm willing to make sacrifices, even significantly, in the present, to put us on a course of long-term health and prosperity.

